(a) what is the total amount spent by South Central Railway on advertisements; and

(b) what are the details year-wise for the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) the total amount spent by South Central Railway on advertisements is Rs. 3,65,000/- for the period from April '93 to June 93 during 1993-94.

(b) The details of the amount spent on advertisements year-wise for the last five years are as given below:—

Year	Amount (in Rs.)
(1) 1988-89	58,200/-
(2) 1989-90	1,66,300/-
(3) 1990-91	44.100/-
(4) 1991-92	1,36,000/-
(5) 1992-93	21,82,000/-

Derailment of Kochi-Bound Kurla Express

407. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of persons died recently when the Kochi-bound Kurla Express rammed into derailed goods wagons at Samal Pethai on Jolarpet-Erode section in T.N.;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof station the number of persons killed, the number of passengers injured, the amount of compensation paid to the families of the victims and to those injured; and

(c) the outcome of the inquiry conducted into the accident and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On Jolarpettai-Erode section of Southern Railway, on 1.6.1993 around 23.30 hrs. 17 wagons of Up Goods Train while entering Samalpatti station derailed. Some of the wagons infringed the adjacent Down Line. Within few minutes of the mishap, 6635 Kurla-Cochin Express came running on the Down Line and collided with the capsized goods wagons. Consequently, 21 persons died, 31 persons received grievous injuries and 13 received simple injuries.

No claim, arising out of the accident, for compensation has been received in Railway Claims Tribunal, Madras. However, a total sum of Rs. 1,53,750/- has been paid as ex gratia to the families of killed and injured passengers.

(c) Commissioner of Railway Safety, Southern Circle, Bangalore, is conducting Statutory Inquiry into this accident and his report is awaited.

निजामुद्दीन रेलवे स्टेशन के समीप वाशिंग एण्ड कोचिंग काम्प्लेक्स का निर्माण

408. श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि निजामुद्दीन रेलवे स्टेशन के पास 23 करोड़ रु० की लागत से बनाया गया वाशिंग एण्ड कोचिंग काम्पलेक्स अब लाईन सहित धंस रहा है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि ए. जी.एम. ने इस काम्पलेक्स के निर्माण के बारे में जांच की थी जिसमें यह बात सिद्ध हुई है कि यह काम्पलेक्स एक अनुपयुक्त जमीन पर बनाया गया था और इसके निर्माण में धांधली भी हुई है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने उस अधिकारी के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की है जिसकी देखरेख में इस काम्पलेक्स का निर्माण किया गया था ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के०सी० लेंका) : (क) 24.79 करोड़ रु0 की लागत से धुलाई लाईन तथा कोचिंग टर्मिनल सुविधाओं की व्यवस्था की गई है, यह सही नहीं है कि काम्पलेक्स लाईन सहित धंस रहा है ।

(ख) अपर महाप्रबंधक, उत्तर रेलवे ने 29-10-92 को इस काम्पलेक्स का निरीक्षण किया था और उन्होंने यह नहीं पाया था कि काम्पलेक्स का निर्माण अनुपयुक्त स्थान पर किया गया है और उसके निर्माण में कोई धांधली हुई है ; और

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Changing the criteria for Superfast Train

409. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission has asked Indian Railways to change its criteria for Superfast train; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Indian Railways?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir. The Commission has asked the Railways to lay down fresh guidelines, fixing criterion for superfast train.

(b) The Railways' stand on the issue will be explained to the Commission.

Rail route between Amravati Narkhed on Nagpur Sector

410. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposal for new rail route between Amravati and Narkhed on Nagpur sector is pending since 1986;

(b) the number of surveys carried out by Railway Authorities to ascertain the viability of this project;

(c) whether it is a fact that despite announcement and assurance by Government this project is being shelved; and

(d) by when Government propose to undertake this issue ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (d) There has been demand for this line for quite some time. Surveys were carried out in 1946-47 and in 1991-92. Based on the survey done in 1991-92, the construction of a new rail line between Amravati and Narkhed (138 kms.) has been approved and included in the Railway Budget for the year 1993-94 at an anticipated cost of Rs. 121 crores. Preliminary work on this project has already been taken up.

Demand for C.B.I. Enquiry ino the ABB Locomotive deal

411. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether five members of the Railways Convention Committee have recently demanded a CBI enquiry into the ABB locomotive deal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) A Report in this regard had appeared in the press but no communication has been received from the Railway Convention Committee Secretariat.